



## Town of Garrett Park

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The Honorable Nancy Floreen  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President *Nancy* Floreen,

We were disappointed to learn that on April 22 the County Executive changed his municipal tax duplication recommendation to a 25% reduction from the FY 2010 amount. The Garrett Park Mayor and Council support the Management and Fiscal Policy Committee's approval of the County Executive's initial recommendation of a 5% reduction from the FY 2010 amount. We urge you and each member of the County Council to vote in support of the MFP Committee recommendation during the full Council budget deliberations.

The Town, as with every other municipality, is projecting a revenue decline in FY 2011 and we have acted to minimize the effects on services to our residents. Many of these are services that would typically be provided by the County if the Town did not provide them. A large percentage of the Town's revenue decline is attributed to the reduced shared revenue from the county and the State of Maryland. The State's reduction of Highway User Revenue has also contributed heavily to municipalities' inability to replace lost tax duplication revenues.

We understand that the County is facing an unprecedented fiscal situation and it is clear that sacrifices need to be made by all parties. The Town has, among other steps, reduced planned expenditures in our Capital Improvement Plan for the second straight year.

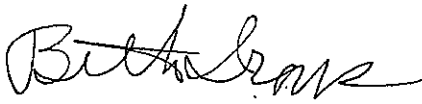
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It is critical for municipalities that the County's FY 2011 tax duplication payment be reduced as little as possible from the FY 2010 amount. We respectfully request that you and your colleagues on the County Council support the proposal of the MFP Committee for a reduction in the Municipal Tax Duplication payment of 5%.

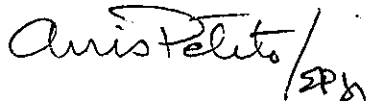
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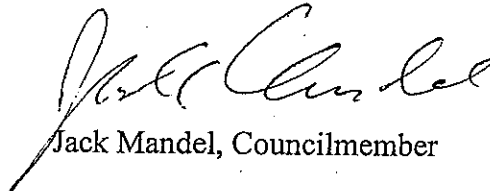
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Beth Irons, Councilmember



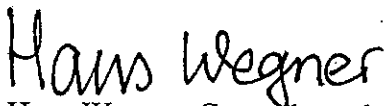
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cc: Montgomery County Council